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On the 20th March, at Singapore, the wife of W. KELLIE SMITH, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 23rd March, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. J. B. GOSWAMI, H.B.M.'s Consul-General for China, and afterwards at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. W. GILBERT WALSH, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, only son of the late MRS. KIRKLAND, of Milton, Yorkshire, to MARY EDNA, second daughter of WILLIAM WILHELM MARSHALL, of San Diego, California.

On the 23rd March, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, WILLIAM ALLAN, aged 46 years.

On the 24th March, at Chinkiang, Captain ALPHONSO T. FRIEND, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., aged 70 years.

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eastward. It is claimed, on S. Petersburg authority, that any further advance is improbable until the streamers are clear of ice, the Russians in retreating having destroyed the bridges over five rivers on the road to Wiju. This may be so, but we should like to know the Japanese version before we judge advance impossible, in spite of the boasted Cosack attacks. That the Japanese army should have reached Anju without a struggle would have been declared equally impossible a fortnight ago. Even the Russians, however, do not seem to expect a serious struggle to occur until the Japanese reach the Yalu. At that point two great armies will be face to face over an extended area, with a river between them. The question will then resolve itself into a matter of outflanking tactics, for which the Japanese certainly must be the most favourably situated. It was thought previously that the Japanese, having been reported as landing at Taku-shan and penetrating to Pong-hwang-cheng, were already preparing to turn the Russian position on the Yalu, but either that report was incorrect or else any landing in the neighbourhood of Taku-shan must have been directed against Newchwang, not eastward. Indeed, we are warned from Chinese sources to look for a land attack on Newchwang shortly as well as one from the sea. From another side, too, Japan might try to outflank the Russians, that is from some spot on the north-eastern coast of Corea. It is said that they have already made a landing at various places between Gonsan and Vladivostok, but climatic conditions have been against them. Moreover, the Russian cruiser squadron at Vladivostok has still to be reckoned with. But it is scarcely open to doubt that the disappearance of the snow and ice will be followed by rigorous Japanese action in the North-East. The question remains, what will the Russians be doing in the meanwhile? They are strengthening their lines on the Yalu, and preparing to defend Newchwang in force. Port Arthur holds out and is not cut off from Monkon, while the fleet in the harbour is at least in a condition still to come out and fight under cover of the forts. Vladivostok is yet under the rule of frost, and nothing is likely to happen there while this is so. The winter, as was anticipated, is playing a very important part in the war. When it breaks up, events may be expected to move much more rapidly than now. Newchwang will be the first to feel the thaw, and here accordingly we must be prepared to hear first of some decisive step.

Sir Francis Lovell is in Singapore in connection with his tour on behalf of the London School of Tropical Medicine. He is coming on to Hongkong shortly.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—E. Irving \$5.

Japanese embroidered cloaks are enjoying popularity at home as ladies wear. An English paper hopes the fashion will not spread to the male part of the population.

General Booth has announced a scheme to redeem the tramp in England. He would find some fine material to work upon among the Hongkong beachcombers.

China notified the Japanese representative on the 24th inst. that the resolution for the opening of Yung-anpao on a date to be announced has been sanctioned by the Emperor.

The estate of Admiral Sir Harry Keppel, G.C.B., "the Father of the Fleet," who died on the 17th January last at the age of ninety-five, has been sworn at a gross amount of £3551.

At Stevens' salerooms in London the purse presented by Lord Nelson to Dr. Brotherton, after the former had received his death-wound on the Victory, was bought in for twenty guineas.

The London Gazette of the 23rd ult. announced that the rank of major-general in the Army had been bestowed on Colonel Villiers Hutton, C.B., Commanding the Forces in Hongkong and China.

There were no deaths among Europeans, and only four among natives, from malarial fever at Ismailia last year, against thirty deaths in 1902. This reduction had been achieved, said Professor Boyce Dean, of Liverpool, by the crusade against mosquitoes conducted by the Egyptian School of Tropical Medicine.

One day last month the unique spectacle was witnessed in a Glasgow street of some children playing football with a human skull for the ball. Excavations for a sewer on the site of an old graveyard laid bare a number of human remains, and before they could be removed they were seized upon by the children.

A S. Petersburg telegram of the 20th February says that the abolition of the censorship on news telegrams sent abroad from Russia is understood to be the direct outcome of the interview which Mr. Melville Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, had with the Tsar in S. Petersburg.

The only cases of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week were:—Cholera, 1 (Chinese, fatal); small-pox, 3 (Chinese, 2 fatal).

Mr. C. B. Fry is to edit a new monthly magazine called by his name, and dealing with sports and outdoor life. It will treat authoritatively but popularly of the whole field of recreation, including its physical and educational aspects. The first number will be published in April.

Mr. J. D. Davidson, formerly U.S. Consul-General in Formosa, and now designated for Antung, arrived in Shanghai by the P. M. S. China, together with Mr. Cheshire. Mr. Davidson will leave by the first opportunity for Chefoo, whence he expects to proceed in a gunboat to his charge in the newly-opened port.

The British soldier will be delighted to hear that the most uncomfortable and awkward part of his equipment, the buff belt, is to be abolished. The War Office has decided to substitute for it an improved girdle of web, or similar pliable material, and all the accoutrements will be of like material. In the Royal Artillery the belt will be entirely dispensed with.

A riotous became current in the Colony yesterday of a play having attended the death of Dr. James B. Munzie (47), ship's doctor of the *Glendard*, whose dead body was found at the corner of Carnarvon and Robinson Roads, Kowloon, on Saturday night. The report supplied by the police is that death was due to an apoplectic fit.

The last chapter of Mr. Guy Boothby's tale, *The Woman on the Dredg*, will appear in Friday's *Daily Press*, there being no issue of this paper on Saturday next. On the following Saturday will be published the first chapter of *Lauren's Luck*, a new serial story by Mr. Tom Gallon, whose first story, *Butterfly*, met with instant success at home. Mr. Gallon is also the author of *A Prince of Misadventure*, *Cometh, Riderly's Fall*, etc.

The local manager of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., informed us yesterday that he had received a telegram from the London office that the directors will recommend at the forthcoming yearly meeting of shareholders, a dividend of 5 per cent. on "A" shares, 5 per cent. on "B" shares, that £20,000 be placed to reserve, which will then stand at £30,000, and that £14,500 be carried forward to next account.

By the German mail steamer to-day, at least four members of the Colonial Civil Service are leaving for home on holiday. They are the Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works; Mr. J. J. Bryan, Sanitary Surveyor; Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Secretary to the Sanitary Board, and Mr. W. J. Fletcher, Assistant Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department. Mr. Justice A. G. Wise leaves to-day also, by the s.s. *Empress of China*.

Particulars have been received in England from Sierra Leone of the sudden death of Commander H. Grenville Smith, of H.M.S. *Tartar*. The *Tartar* was lying in Freetown Harbour, when the officer was found in his cabin unconscious. He was removed to the nursing home on shore, but died two days afterward. The body was interred in the Kissy Road Cemetery with full naval and military honours. An apoplectic seizure, probably owing to sunstroke, was the cause of death.

The Straits papers publish the following London telegram, dated the 21st inst.:—According to Reuters' Tokyo correspondent, the British Minister there refuses to endorse the application made by Mr. Hales, the *Daily News* correspondent, to accompany the Japanese army. The ground for the refusal is that Mr. Hales's reports from the Transvaal were slanderous to the British army. The Japanese Government requires the Ministers' endorsements to such application from all correspondents. Mr. Hales was therefore excluded.

Mr. W. J. F. Williamson has been appointed Financial Adviser to the Siamese Government, to succeed Mr. Rivett-Carnac. Mr. Williamson has already proved his capacity for the post of Financial Adviser to Siam. When the gold standard had been established in Siam by Mr. Rivett-Carnac, and that gentleman went home, Mr. Williamson, who until that time had been in charge of the Currency Note Department, assumed control of the Financial Department. He also issued the last report on the financial position of Siam. Mr. Williamson is an Indian Civil Officer, lent by the British Government.

The rumour that the Rothschild firm refused the request of the Paris Bourse officials to intervene to stop the panic last month by buying freely of Russian securities is altogether creditable by those who remember the events which led up to the issue of the loan with which France now finds herself encumbered. Owing to what are known as the "May Laws" in Russia directed against the Jews, their wholesale emigration caused a paralysis of trade in Russia. By 1891 the Russian Minister of Finance was at his wits' end for money; negotiations for a large loan were entered upon with the house of Rothschild, and a preliminary contract had been signed. Then the London firm intervened, and M. Wyshnigradski, the Finance Minister was informed that unless the persecutions of the Jews in Russia were stopped the great banking house would be compelled to withdraw from the operations. Thereupon the Tsar peremptorily ordered negotiations to be broken off, and overtures were made to a non-Jewish French syndicate. It was thus the urgent need of the Russian Treasury, quite as much as the termination of Bismarck's secret treaty of neutrality, which brought about the Franco-Russian alliance. It was not the first time that the Rothschilds have made their power felt in international affairs; it will not probably be the last.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

THE WAR—RUSSIANS FALLING BACK.

LONDON, 27th March.

News from S. Petersburg says that the troops between the Yalu and Pinggang have been compelled to retire on their entrenchments on the south bank of the Yalu, before the first Japanese Army of 40,000 men, whose advance guard, with artillery, has occupied and fortified a forty-five mile line, extending from Kasan to Anju, Yeng Pieng, and Pukohin. Any further advance is improbable until the streams are clear of ice, as the retreating Russians have destroyed the bridges over five rivers on the road to Wiju.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, 27th March.

A S. Petersburg telegram states that a fresh attempt made on Saturday night to block the entrance, and the inner roadstead of Port Arthur, with fireships, was repulsed.

General Kuropatkin has proceeded to Mouk-don.

Admiral Marakoff telegraphs to the Tsar:—"I left Port Arthur on the 26th instant with battleships, cruisers, and destroyers to make a reconnaissance of the adjacent islands."

A proclamation from the Commandant of Vladivostok urges the inhabitants to remain; but only those will be allowed to stay who possess a specified amount of corn calculated to be sufficient to last for eight months. The Banks are closed and no money is circulating.

WARDEN OF THE CINQUE PORTS.

LONDON, 27th March.

It is officially announced that Lord Curzon has been appointed Warden of the Cinque Ports.

THE NIGHT ATTACK.

For some time it was very hard to get an official statement as to whether Hongkong was held by her defenders yesterday morning or not. The Military Authorities at first were rather reticent on the matter, while the Volunteers, on the other hand, were confident that they had blown the invaders' launches to atoms, and the Colony was still intact. From further enquiries it was learned that the attacking party had secured honours. It will be remembered, from our account of yesterday morning, that the defenders comprised various parties of the 14th Mahratta Light Infantry (posted at different points of the Peak), under Major Caulfield, Royal Garrison Artillery at High West with a five-inch howitzer; and the Hongkong Volunteers, under Major Pritchard and Capt. Armstrong, with a couple of 15-pounders at Middle Gap. By the rules of the game, the "visitors" were not allowed to land before 3.30 a.m. They embarked at the Kowloon Police Pier long before one would at first deem necessary, taking the attacking hour into consideration. A little reflection, however, shows that this was not the case, for they had to steam to the other side of the Island cautiously, and make a landing under adverse conditions. The attacking party was commanded by Colonel Birdwood. The 33rd Burma Infantry set out in their launch from Kowloon at 2 a.m., and the 110th Mahrattas followed an hour later. In due course they landed, and proceeded with their tactics. It will readily be admitted that to describe the fight thoroughly is a very difficult matter, especially when one is denied any facts from the umpires; no one, of course, can blame them for withholding the information. As for the Volunteers, they saw a few men and were ordered to blaze away till 8.30 a.m., when the bugle ordered "Cease Fire." The men then fell in, and were marched back to the City, some of them hurrying off to bed, and others, less fortunate, changing their clothes and abandoning the gun for the pen.

NAVAL NOTES.

New gun-carriages for H.M.S. *Cressy* arrived here from Portsmouth yesterday by the *ss. Glenarney*. As they are rather weighty affairs it is likely that they will be discharged from the freighter and placed aboard the cruiser by means of the Dock Co.'s or Godown Co.'s sheers. The Portuguese cruiser *Adawador* arrived from Macao yesterday afternoon and saluted the port. She arrived at Macao from Europe on the 25th inst., having been sent to strengthen the Portuguese Far Eastern command. The *Adawador* is a vessel of 1,993 metric tons displacement, and has 4,000 indicated horse power, giving her a speed of 18 knots. She has three-inch deck armour, and five-inch armour at the gun positions. Her guns consist of two 5.9-in., four 4.7, four 2.2, and four machine guns. She was built at Loughorn in 1896, and by the way, was out of the East before a few years ago. The U.S.S. *Keuley*, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral R. D. Evans, has left Hongkong probably to join the U.S. Far Eastern Squadron; the U.S.S. *Jalisco* has also made a departure from these shores. The German gunboat *Luchs* has left for Canton. Comparatively few British war-ships are now in port. H.M. ships *Glory* and *Rinaldo* are at the Docks, and the *Algerine* is at the buoy. Small craft including the *Rambler*, *Waterwitch*, *Moosien*, and destroyers are also in port.

WAR NOTES.

HOW THE CHEMULPO ACTION IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

Those who regularly peruse the home papers as they arrive will probably not have failed to notice many items of information among the war news published in Europe, which we, in common with all the other Far Eastern newspapers, have hitherto failed to chronicle. To those who do not regularly see the home papers, the following remarks on the official reports of the naval engagement at Chemulpo will be interesting, if not in some respects illuminating.

How did this action begin? The impression one has obtained from the accounts published in the Far East is that a Japanese squadron found the Russian cruiser *Varyag* and the gunboat *Koreet* lying peacefully at anchor in the harbour of Chemulpo on the 8th February. Chemulpo being a treaty port, the Japanese Admiral formally called upon the Russian men-of-war on the 9th to leave the harbour, within a specified time, adding that if his demand were not complied with he would be compelled to attack them in the harbour. Against this proposal the commanders of the British, French, and Italian warships in the harbour entered an energetic protest on the ground that "according to the acknowledged rules of International Law, the harbour of Chemulpo, being a neutral harbour, no country has the right to attack the ships of another country in this harbour." A translation of this letter from the French was published recently in the *Daily Press*, and has been reproduced elsewhere. According to the account which the captain of the French cruiser *Pascal* addressed to the Minister of Marine the Japanese Admiral "gave no heed to the protests of the commanders of the European ships, and again gave orders for the Russian ships to leave the port." It is noteworthy that the Japanese accounts have made no mention of this protest, and the first intimation of it received by the Japanese Press was the translation of the protest which appeared in the *Daily Press*. The Russians decided to leave the harbour. "They (the Russian ships)," says the captain of the *Pascal*, "had hardly emerged when they were surrounded by the Japanese ships, which opened a well-sustained fire on them. The Japanese official account states that the two Russian men-of-war left the port at about 11.30 a.m., and a battle then ensued outside the Polynesian Islands." We can add to this the independent testimony of Bishop Moore, an American missionary who witnessed what could be seen from the shore. "Our mission compound," writes the Bishop, "commands a fine view of the harbour and roadstead, and to the left and further seaward a still better view is secured. As the ships disappeared in the haze, our hearts stood still with almost agonising suspense." &c. It would appear from this that the Russian ships had got well outside the harbour before they were attacked. Then the Bishop goes on to write of the awful thunder of the guns for fifty-two minutes, and then "unable to break through, coming to surrender, the Russians swung round and steamed back to their anchorage, with their flags still flying." Sure of their prey, and presumably unwilling to fight unnecessarily in the harbour, the Japanese did not pursue, but resumed their station in the roadstead, completely blockading the only channel. It is quite clear from this account that the battle was fought outside the harbour limits, and we may presume that the rules of international law were not infringed.

Another noteworthy feature of the French captain's report is the statement that the Russian ships went out to meet their foes a second time. We have seen no corroboration of this from any other source whatever. It is certainly not borne out by Bishop Moore's account, nor by an account written by an officer on the U.S.S. *Vicksburg*. This, however, is the French Commander's account:—"At noon the two Russian vessels went out for the first time. They had hardly emerged when they were surrounded by the Japanese ships, which opened a well-sustained fire on them. The Russian ships replied, but soon the *Varyag* and the *Koreet*, riddled with cannon shot, turned round and took refuge in the harbour of Chemulpo. The incidents of the naval battle were followed with the greatest anxiety by the officers and men of the European warships, who were powerless and dumb onlookers of the unequal contest. Accordingly, when the two Russian ships passed near them they were greeted by enthusiastic ovations. In the afternoon the commanders of the Russian warships, wishing to avoid a bombardment of the town, resolved to go out again, notwithstanding advice to the contrary given them, and although another unsuccessful protest had been made by the commanders of the European ships. At four o'clock the *Varyag* and the *Koreet* went out a second time, and were received by a most murderous fire, and defended themselves with desperation, but in a quarter of an hour the two ships, shattered, and with their sides riddled by Japanese shells, fell back once more upon Chemulpo."

The report of the captain of the *Varyag* makes no mention of the Russian ships going out a second time. He reported that the two ships fought an action off Chemulpo with a Japanese squadron of six cruisers and eight torpedo-boat destroyers. "The *Varyag* was put out of action. She returned to Chemulpo roads with the *Koreet*, and after sending their crews on board the foreign cruisers in the harbour, the two Russian ships were blown up in order not to fall into Japanese hands." The French report therefore seems to be unaccountably at variance with the other in most important particulars.

There is yet another important feature of the official reports to be noted. The Japanese

official account says:—"On February 8 the Japanese squadron escorting transports met on its way to Chemulpo the Russian gunboat *Koreet*, as she was coming out of port. The *Koreet* took up an offensive attitude towards the Japanese vessels and fired upon the Japanese torpedo-boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes, but without effect. Then the *Koreet* returned to her anchorage at the port." News paper accounts supplied by officers to Japanese papers agree with this statement. No mention of this appears in any other account of the action.

NORTH-ERN TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from Northern contemporaries:—

Seoul, 15th March.

The Korean authorities in Pingyang province report to the Government that the Russian military officers there have warned them that if Corea does not maintain strict neutrality during the war, but aids Japan by supplying the Japanese troops with provisions, etc., Russia will open hostilities against Corea.—*Maichichi*.

Tientsin, 16th March.

The Liaocho will be free of ice some time between the 20th and 24th inst., and it is expected that the British and American warships will leave Lukao on or about the 3rd prox. The Russian gunboat *Sivoutch* (2 Dobre) at Lukao has taken down her masts. It is believed that the Russians intend to use her, where she lies as a fort. The British subjects at Lukao have sent their families to Tientsin. These refugees report that the general belief at Lukao is that the Japanese troops will take possession of the place as soon as the river is free of ice. The mounted bandits are waiting for the arrival of the Japanese, to start destroying the railway. There is only a small Russian garrison at Lukao; and most of the men return to Gikaten in the evening.—*Asahi*.

Tokyo, 23rd March.

The Japanese infantry at first intended to cross the Tao Mui Kiang from Ching Hsing and other places throughout in Ham Kiang Tao, Corea, thence to pass beyond Vladivostok, and attack Harbin, but, owing to the difficulty of the route, they were compelled to return to Pingyang, Anju, etc. Again, as regards the Hai Tsen Wei engagement, the intention of the Japanese was to make a landing; after a slight attack, they immediately proceeded to the North of Vladivostok, where they succeeded in finding a landing. But on account of the large accumulation of snow they had to return to their ships.—*Sinuenpoo*.

Tokyo, 27th March.

In reference to the Parliamentary papers laid on the table of the House, the enlightened private sections of members are amazed at the striking moderation of the Japanese proposals. But for the final decision of the Japanese Government, there would have been general disappointment. The Government, it is felt, were altogether too patient, and if a final conclusion had been come to on the terms Japan offered, it would have been more ruinous than war.—*N.O.D.N.*

Tokyo, 25th March.

Admiral Baron Yamamoto, Minister of the Navy, made a speech in the House of Representatives this afternoon on the naval movements and naval activity since October last, which, he said, had accompanied perfectly the diplomatic developments. The Navy, he said, had still a hard task to undergo to accomplish the end desired. Baron Yamamoto was loudly cheered, and a most cordial vote of thanks to the Navy was unanimously adopted.—*N.O.D.N.*

THE "HYMN OF PRAISE."

The second of the series of Concerts to be given by the Philharmonic Society took place in the City Hall last evening at 8.30, the selection for this one being Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*—a very appropriate selection, considering the day and the season. It will be remembered that the Philharmonic Society gave this same *Hymn of Praise* in the Cathedral on the 15th of December last, and so successful was it that, by request, they had arranged to give it a second time, but unfortunately several of the soloists and members of the orchestra were unable, through indisposition and for other reasons, to attend, and it was consequently abandoned for the time. The beautiful oratorio is now too well known in Hongkong to require any special mention, but the performers, soloists, chorus, orchestra, and conductor alike deserve the highest praise for one of the most finished renderings of such a piece we have heard for many years, and once again showed the power and capability of our local musicians, vocal and instrumental. On this occasion Mrs. Hagen was much missed in the soprano solos, but she was very well replaced by Miss Murray Bain, who sang with all her well-known sweetness and tastefulness, as did also Mrs. Craddock, who sustained her well-deserved reputation as one of our local songstresses. Mr. Lammett and Mr. Edwards were, as usual, in excellent form, the latter's duet with Miss Murray Bain being especially well rendered, while Mr. Lammett was quite at home in his solos, his voice being heard, perhaps, to even better advantage here than in the Cathedral, where the last performance of the *Hymn of Praise* took place.

The soloists were: Mrs. Craddock, Miss Murray Bain, Mr. G. H. Edwards, and Mr. G. P. Lammett. Conductor: Mr. A. G. Ward, President: H. E. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G. Vice-President: Sir W. M. Goodman, K.C. Committee: Mr. P. Dow (Hon. Sec. Choral), Mr. G. Grimbly, Mr. G. Lammett, Mr. E. Mirov, Mr. H. W. D. Schmidt (Hon. Sec. Orchestral), Mr. J. Wacker (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. A. G. Ward.

The Chorus and Orchestra comprised the full Philharmonic Society, which scored another success.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD, C.I.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 30th MARCH, 1904

WAR news continues to be scanty, but two facts stand out prominently, to judge from recent telegrams. In the first place, the situation at Port Arthur is unchanged; that is to say, the place remains in possession of Russia's garrison and fleet, but the latter is unable to move more than a short distance from the harbour, and then not in sufficient strength to engage with the Japanese. The latter, however, failed in their second attempt, on Sunday last, to "bottle up" the harbour. They cannot, therefore, detach the bulk of their fleet for other purposes, but must keep a strict watch still on Port Arthur, with occasional bombardments to keep the garrison occupied. In the second place, Japan's military plans in Corea are maturing, and the First Army, 40,000 strong, has been gradually pushing North, the Russians in the meantime falling back. The Japanese appear to have come to a halt on the Cheng-cheng-gang River, having occupied and fortified a 45-mile long front, stretching from Kasan on the coast north-west of the river, through Anju and

LICENSING COURT.

A meeting of Justices of the Peace was held yesterday afternoon at the Magistracy to dispose of application of licences for the Hotel America, Wyndham Street, the Connaught Hotel, Queen's Road, and the Windsor Garden and Restaurant, 3, Wongsichong Road. Mr. T. Scrambo Smith presided, and the other Justices present were Messrs. H. H. J. Gompertz, E. R. Hallifax, A. Ramjohn, J. H. Kemp, P. W. Sergeant, A. Shelton Hooper, W. H. T. Davis, and C. D. Melbourne. Chief Detective-Inspector J. W. Hansen was in attendance.

HOTEL AMERICA.

This was an application from one Fred Nolte for an adjunct licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at No. 2, Wyndham Street, under the sign of "Hotel America."

Mr. G. K. Hall Bratton, solicitor, appeared for the applicant. The premises, he stated, were situated on the top floor of the old German Club, and it was the intention of the applicant to carry on the business of a private hotel. There was accommodation for 33 guests, and it would be apparent to all the Justices that it would be a great convenience to him if he was permitted this licence so as to enable him to supply liquors to his guests with their meals. The nearest fully licensed hotels were the Hongkong Hotel and King Edward Hotel, and he submitted that this adjunct licence would in no way interfere with their business. There was a boarding-house in the neighbourhood with an adjunct licence, but it was quite of a different class to the Hotel America, where the charges were somewhere about \$10 a day for each person. In the busy season many people were unable to get rooms at the King Edward or Hongkong Hotels, and he was sure it would be admitted that the Hotel America would be a convenience to tourist visitors.

There were no police objections. The application was granted.

CONNAUGHT HOTEL.

This was an application from one Frederick Bishop for an adjunct licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at No. 13, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "The Connaught Hotel."

Mr. P. W. Goldring, solicitor, of Mr. John Jastig's office, appeared on behalf of the applicant. He said Mr. Bishop had been engaged by the proprietors of the hotel in succession to Mr. G. J. Clark, who was still on the premises, but was leaving on the 30th of this month.

Mr. Clark (who was present in Court) stated that he appeared in opposition to this application.

The Chairman said he would be heard presently.

Mr. Goldring, continuing, stated that Mr. Bishop had previously held a licence for Thomas's Grill Room, and there had been no complaints against him. The difficulty that appeared to arise in respect to this licence was as to whether it could be granted to the present applicant while Mr. Clark held the licence. He could not find anything in the Ordinance showing that two licences could not be granted at the same time for the same hotel. The difficulty had arisen because Mr. Clark had declined to acquiesce in the transfer. The Justices were bound to look after the interests of the owners, if the licences were unsatisfactory.

The Chairman did not think the Justices had any power to cancel the licence.

Mr. Goldring repeated that the application was made in this form because Mr. Clark refused to consent to the transfer. If it was held that the Justices had no power to cancel the existing licence he would ask that the two licences be granted at the same time; there was nothing contrary to this in the Ordinance. Mr. Clark would after the 30th be in the position of a trespasser, and he might be liable to be ejected from the premises.

Mr. Shelton Hooper asked which licence would be liable in the case of an offence against the licence being committed next week.

Mr. Goldring replied that it would be the one that allowed the fault to be committed and was on the premises. If there were two, both would be liable. It seemed a monstrous thing in a case like this, that if the owners had an unsatisfactory employee and wanted to turn him out they could not get in a fresh manager as was necessary to the licence. That could not be the spirit of the law, and the only way was to grant this application and to leave the owners to deal with Mr. Clark in the best way they could according to the law.

The Chairman said he had received from Mr. Clark a letter dated 26th inst. stating that this application had been made without his authority, and that he had no desire at present to transfer the licence to Mr. Bishop or any other person.

Mr. Clark, on being asked, if he desired to make any statement, said he held the licence for these premises, and by that licence was not allowed to desert them.

The Chairman, having inspected the licence, pointed out that the words used were, "The licensee shall not abandon the occupation of his house," and said the only effect of this was that if he did so Mr. Clark would be subject to a penalty under the Ordinance. He did not see how that affected the Justices.

Mr. Clark—I do not think they could eject me from the premises.

The Chairman—Well, that is not a matter for us.

Mr. Clark—I have to all intents and purposes paid \$960 for this licence.

The Chairman—It was the proprietor of the hotel who paid it.

Mr. Clark—He has paid it in consideration for me.

In reply to Mr. Shelton Hooper, Mr. Clark said his terms of agreement were that he was engaged on monthly terms as manager; he had received a month's notice.

The Justices afterwards considered the matter in private. When the Court was again made public.

The Chairman stated that the Justices felt themselves in some difficulty in the matter and had decided to adjourn it for a week. At the end of that time they desired the proprietor and the new applicant to come before them again and explain the then position of affairs; and if the Justices considered it a satisfactory one and one on which they could grant the licence to the new applicant they would further consider the matter.

WINDSOR GARDEN.

This was an application from one Frederick Huber for an adjunct licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at No. 3, Wongsichong Road, under the sign of "Windsor Garden and Restaurant."

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K. C. (instructed by Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, solicitor), appeared in support of the application.

The Chairman read a numerous signed petition asking that the licence be granted.

Hon. Mr. Pollock said the applicant was carrying on a restaurant business at these premises. He asked simply for an adjunct licence, so that he could supply liquors along with meals to his customers. The premises were about a mile from the nearest hotel and about half a mile from No. 1 Police Station. Applicant had served 12 years in the army and had held a beer and spirit licence afterwards in India. His discharge showed that he bore an exemplary character, and he came before them with such a record as would at all events justify the Justices in giving him a trial. If the licence were granted now it would come up for renewal on or before the 30th November. Of late years there were increasing numbers of people who travelled down to Happy Valley to see the sports and games and enjoy the scenery. The applicant was content to have the licence extending from 10 a.m. till 7 p.m., and would undertake to light Wongsichong Road with electricity, to build a permanent structure to replace the present temporary one, and to have watchmen, or even to engage two policemen from the Government, so that order should be maintained.

Mr. Hallifax stated that there were police objections. Before the licence was granted there should be a suitable structure, and similar applications had been refused before.

After considering the matter in private the Justices refused the application.

This was all the business.

KING EDWARD HOTEL AND THE DOCK COMPANY.

LAUNCHES IN COLLISION.

At the request of Mr. Dorajoe, of the King Edward Hotel, an enquiry was yesterday held at the Marine Court, before the Hon. L. Barnes-Lawrence, Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, into the circumstances regarding a collision between the launch *King Edward* and No. 3 launch of the Cosmopolitan Dock, by which both launches were damaged.

The coxswain of the *King Edward* said that on the morning of the 25th inst. he was proceeding from Stonecutters Island to the Statue Pier, and when nearly opposite Douglas Wharf, saw the other launch on his port side crossing his bows. He blew one whistle to indicate that he was going to starboard, but the other boat took no notice. He continued his course and struck the other boat on her starboard bow.

The other coxswain said that he was steering from Saushei-po to Peddar's Wharf. He saw the *King Edward* on his starboard bow, and went full astern, but not in time to avoid collision.

The Hon. Barnes-Lawrence found the Dock launch to blame, and suspended the coxswain's certificate for one month.

SHIPPING NOTES.

IS A SAILOR A WORKMAN?

The sailor as a rule is without the pale of the Workmen's Compensation Act. According to the Court of Appeal's decision in England last month, however, this does not apply when he is working on a ship in dock. Lord Justice Mathew dissented from this view, but an appeal on the point went by a majority. The Houlder Line, Limited, were granted leave to take the matter to the House of Lords.

The *Thales*, from Foochow and Swatow, reports overcast and foggy. The *Chento*, from Pakhoi, reports fog. The *Kokisichang* (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) arrived from Bangkok yesterday with 1,800 tons of cargo for this port. The *Glenavoy*, from London, has 1,000 tons for Hongkong, and 2,200 tons for other coast ports. The German mail—N. D. L.—*Preussen* arrived from Shanghai yesterday, having experienced fine weather. She had 27 bags of mail for Hongkong. The *Kennebec* (Standard Oil Co.) arrived from Shanghai yesterday. As she had 230 cases of sulphuric acid on board she was obliged to "come to" at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, lying to the south of Stonecutters. The P. & O. *Jawa* arrived from Shanghai yesterday, the passage being a fair-weather one. Her original port was Yokohama. The China Navigation *Whampoa*, on the Shanghai-Canton run, arrived from the north yesterday.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, left Nagasaki for Manila on 1 weekday, the 29th inst., at daylight, due Manila Saturday daylight. The silk ex C.P. steamer *Tartar* arrived in New York on the 28th inst.

The N.G.I. steamer *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 29th inst., and may be expected here on the 4th prox.

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MANILA.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Manila, 17th March.

THE GOMEZ CASE.

One of the principal events of the past week was the closing of the prosecution and the opening of the defence in the long drawn out Gomez trial. This is the most tedious case heard by the Insular bench, having already covered a period of over four months in session, during which in the close neighbourhood of seventy-five witnesses, have been examined by the prosecution. The public prosecutor has presented an intricate line of testimony on the count of conspiring to raise a rebellion, strengthened from time to time with fresh developments by the constabulary and local police. As the case now stands the hand of Dominador Gomez has been shown in every unlawful disturbance or sedition act of the past year, and his plottings revealed since the time when the Madrid junta first held its meetings in his house in 1899. Gomez's relation with the Hongkong junta and the banditti over here have served to shed light on the true motives of the so-called Labour Union, as president of which he corresponded in both cases. The ingenious manner in which this man succeeded in veiling the real purposes of the Union and secured absolute financial and administrative control makes him as one of a peculiarly dangerous type—and a type he unquestionably is. He is a mestizo, with a strain of Chinese blood in him, and belongs to a class much too common in the Philippines, whose personal ambitions for power and money, cause them to agitate their less intelligent countrymen into a state of political dissatisfaction leading to disturbance, invariably resulting in their own profit but the misery of their followers. The public prosecutor pointedly referred to this a few days ago when addressing the court at the arraignment of ex-General Lukban and his brothers on a similar charge. "The offence of men of this class," he said, "is not against the American Government; it is against those people" (indicating the throng of barefooted natives). "They are the people who have been going to prison and to the gallows because such men as the defendants have made tools of them; and it is now time for the leaders to take a little punishment."

In the Ricarte episode the hand of Gomez appears. It is for plotting with Gomez to the end of bringing Ricarte to Manila to organise an active rebellion that the Lukbans are standing trial. Artemio Ricarte seems to have suffered an impression that the Filipinos were just ripe for an uprising, and that they only needed a leader. Instead, he found the native population apathetic and less inclined to listen to agitators than ever since the American occupation. Worn out from a warfare that has only earned trouble for themselves, and satisfied that they are getting good treatment from the present government, the common people are now lending themselves to reaping from the effects of stagnated industry. Ricarte clearly evinces his disappointment at this by the bitter tone of his absurd vapourings, which he has been uttering in the form of public letters to the Press and rabid epistles to the Governor, in which he violently denounces his countrymen for their moral and material support of American authority. These communications have aroused no concern in the Government, but rather amusement everywhere at their extravagant and impossible threats. The letters to Governor Wright bear all the earmarks of the desperate attempt of an impetuous and unscrupulous agitator to place himself in a false position of importance with a view to obtaining some concession or consideration for a change of heart (?). In one of these Ricarte frankly intimated that if a sufficiently lucrative position were assured to him he would come into daylight and exert his "friendly influence" in pacifying (?) the Islands. These tirades are pathetic, and palpably ridiculous efforts at political blackmail, such as are perhaps only possible in the Philippine Islands.

Nevertheless, the secret service of the Government has been busy rounding up officers bearing the appointment of "the Viper," as he styles himself; and the court dockets have shown an unusual sprinkling of conspiracy charges. So far, however, not a single private soldier nor petty official has been discovered; the majority of those arrested being "generals," and all the documentary evidence gathered consists of a few wild manifestoes and the commissions of the individuals in question; who are, without exception, men of very inferior station and intelligence who have been lured by high-sounding titles and the fascination of responsibility.

When Ricarte surreptitiously entered Manila last December one of the most solicitous in offering assistance and information to the Constabulary was Pio del Pilar, another ex-general of insurgents and a fellow prisoner of the "Viper" at Guam. Pilar was transported to Guam in 1900 after repeatedly breaking his parole, and since subscribing the oath of allegiance on his return to Manila last year has been engaged in gambling and cock-fighting for a livelihood in an outskirts town. His unsought proffer of help to the authorities aroused their suspicions and brought about his surveillance. Then, finding himself watched and out of money, Pilar suddenly disappeared from view, and is now known to have joined his former comrade in arms in the jungle.

Another gentleman who managed to vanish successfully is Aurelio Tolentino, the sedition playwright who was under a \$5,000 bond to appear for trial as the author of *Yesterday, To-day, and To-morrow*, who also joined Ricarte. This resulted in the bondsmen of Tolentino's brother surrendering their charge, who is to be tried for

staging the play. Aurelio jointly subscribed himself to Ricarte's letters to Governor Wright in which he posed as an unfortunate journalist who had only written to keep the wolf from the door, and had become an involuntary fugitive from the persecution of the Government.

Those who are anxious of making the present satisfactory conditions appear as otherwise have attempted to connect the Vigan mutiny and some puljan raids in Samar with the Ricarte affair. The latter is not unusual to the periodic banditry of that island, and the former was only related in that the chief ring-leader, a Constabulary corporal named Ayala, was a junior officer under Ricarte during the insurrection and was inspired to incite the mutiny by a letter from his former chief.

A great deal of satisfaction has been quietly expressed here over the manner in which the Vigan affair was handled. The personal conduct of its suppression by Colonel Scott, the Acting Chief of Constabulary; his unhesitating in asking for military co-operation; the final recapture of all the mutineers with their arms; and the prompt trial of the ringleaders, the principal of whom received the death sentence within a week of his capture, have had a salutary effect and have won the commendation of all.

NOTES FROM THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

A small magnoliaceous tree, which the Chinese are very fond of on account of the fragrance of its flowers, is now in bloom in various parts of the gardens. This plant is known under the name of *Mitchella fuscata*, and was introduced into Europe from China more than a century ago. The petals are light yellow in colour and slightly tinged with purple on the margins. Although the flowers are nearly an inch long they are not very conspicuous on the trees, but the scent from them is very powerful. The leaves are glabrous and shining above, about 3 inches long and more than an inch across. The species has not been found out of China, and it was only a few years ago that it was found by us for the first time in Hongkong.

Another small tree, or large shrub, known as *Tiburnum odoratissimum*, has been an attractive feature in the gardens during the last week. A couple of specimens may be seen near the statue in the old garden. This species differs from the one mentioned in last week's notes, as all the flowers are fertile. These are abundantly produced in panicles at the ends of the branches, and insects appear to be especially fond of them. When out of flower this tree is a very ornamental plant on account of its thick-set dark green leaves. It is a native of Eastern India, Japan, and China, including Hongkong.

The *Amaryllis* plants in the bed alongside the walk leading from the Grevillea walk to the No. 1 house are beginning to make a good show. When all the flowers are open they are a gorgeous sight. Many people call these plants lilies, but they are not, and this often leads to great confusion. A lily forms its fruit within the flower, an amaryllis beneath it; a difference which may be noticed by the most casual observer.

Some very good specimens of *Crocus stellata*, a garden hybrid, have been placed with other plants along the Grevillea walk.

The recent rain has done a lot of damage to the winter-flowering annuals, likewise much good to other things.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RAGGED SCHOOL UNION AND SHAFESBURY SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—In view of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee this year, the Council of the Ragged School Union, and Shaftesbury Society, formerly of Exeter Hall, and now of 32, John Street, Theobald's Road, London, W.C., have in preparation a volume giving the history of the work from the early beginnings in 1844.

There must be many friends scattered over the Empire who were associated with the Great Earl Shaftesbury and other notable people in this beneficent work in the old days. Might I ask if there are any such amongst your readers and if so whether they would be good enough to send to me any reports, letters of interest, illustrations, newspaper cuttings, or other information bearing upon this work in the past.

All such communications will be valued, and will tend to complete the record of this the earliest organised movement dealing with the condition of the very poor children of the congested centres of the heart of the Empire—Yours, &c.

JOHN KIRK, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG-SAN FRANCISCO RUN.

By the withdrawal of the steamships *America*, *Maru*, *Hongkong Maru*, and *Nippon Maru*, of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Line, from the Hongkong-San Francisco run the Company has lost \$6,000 per annum from the United States Government for carrying mails. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha vessels were on what is termed a "donation contract," carrying United States mails between San Francisco and Honolulu, and from Honolulu to the Orient. The company is paid according to the regulations of the Postal Union. The vessels are under contract to make fifteen round trips per year. Each boat earns \$2,000 per annum for this service. The Oceanic Company is paid \$7,000 per annum for making seventeen round trips per annum, for the vessels on the through run. Under existing conditions, with all the vessels of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line being requisitioned for service in the Japan-Russian war, it is possible the United States Post Office Department may abrogate the contract, which expires on June 30th of this year.

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HILL DISTRICT RESERVATION PETITION.

The following is the text of the petition to which we alluded in our leading article yesterday.

To His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED

Sheweth:—1. Your Petitioners are owners and occupiers of houses in the Hill District of Hongkong, and, being desirous of preserving the said District as a place of residence for themselves, their wives and their children, and the wives and children of their successors in this Colony, beg to submit to Your Excellency that prompt steps should be taken permanently to reserve that particular part of this Colony for exclusive residence of non-Chinese inhabitants.

2. The conditions of life in this Colony have changed greatly during recent years. The fall in the Gold value of the Dollar, the increased competition in all branches of trade and the consequent reduction of individual incomes have rendered it necessary for Europeans to remain longer than formerly in the Colony before being in a position to retire home with a competency.

3. Coincidentally with this change in the conditions of life there have been a vast increase both in the numbers and wealth of the Chinese population, and the available area of building land in the lower levels of the City of Victoria being limited, the Chinese have gradually spread further along the lower levels until large areas which were formerly inhabited by Europeans are now mainly in the occupation of Chinese.

4. As long ago as 1888, the necessity for reservation of a European district was recognised, and provision was made by Ordinances Nos. 16 and 26 of that year for future prohibition of Chinese tenements and the prevention of overcrowding in houses already erected and to be erected in certain districts of the City of Victoria, but these Ordinances have not prevented the practical absorption by Chinese of a large proportion of the area intended to be thus reserved.

5. Should this process of absorption by Chinese extend to the Peak District, and it is not more unlikely than the absorption of the European District of Victoria must have seemed to the framers of Ordinance No. 16 of 1888, very serious results to the health of Europeans and their families would follow. There being no other place for them to go to, they would then be driven to reside below, where the conditions are highly prejudicial to their health. The Hill District is undeniably the healthiest part of the Colony for all those to whom life in the tropics presents the disadvantage of an unnatural environment; in fact it is the only accessible part of the Colony which is fitted to be a healthy residential quarter for people accustomed to a temperate climate.

6. Your petitioners submit that in order effectually to secure the object they have in view it is necessary directly to prohibit Chinese, other than servants, from occupying houses built in the hill district, to further that, in imposing this limitation of residence, no hardship would be inflicted on the Chinese, for hitherto they have shown no desire to occupy houses in that district, and, as they are living here in their native climate, they do not suffer from the oppressive heat of the lower levels during the summer months as Europeans do. To show how pressing is the need amongst the European section of the community for securing dwellings at the Peak, your petitioners may mention that the rent of houses there is on the average nearly treble that which was paid ten years ago, and this notwithstanding the fact that the number of houses has very greatly increased in the interval.

7. The extension of the principle of Ordinance No. 16 of 1888 for which Your Petitioners ask is not very great, and their request for this reservation is made solely out of regard for the welfare of those who belong to non-tropical countries and who are now compelled to live in this enervating climate for the best part of their lives. It was the European section of the Community that opened up and developed the Hill District. They were impelled to do so by considerations of health alone, for the locality is more expensive and less convenient to live in than the lower levels. The number of reasonably available sites for houses in the Peak District is limited. Already the large majority have been built upon and very few remain for additional houses. Your Petitioners desire that this small proportion of Hongkong shall be reserved as a place of abode for those who cannot dwell in equal well-being elsewhere upon the Island, and they submit it is for the advantage of the Community as a whole that each section of it should live in the environment to which it is best adapted.

8. In conclusion, Your Petitioners submit that the future welfare of this Colony, that is, of its inhabitants as a whole, and its consequent value to the Empire, depends to a very large extent on the well-being of the European section of the Community whose health it is therefore essential to preserve, and that every year conditions render it more and more important that this section should be able to reside in a district where its members can live under the most favourable conditions possible and where the rising generation may spend their childhood amidst the healthiest obtainable surroundings. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to consider favourably their request and to take prompt steps to preserve the Hill District as a residential quarter for the non-Chinese residents of the community.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.
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E. GOETZ,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1904. [892]

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between Dr. HALL-WRIGHT and myself has this day been dissolved by Mutual Consent. I shall continue to carry on the profession of a medical practitioner under my own name.

J. H. SWAN.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [893]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 21st APRIL, 1904, at 4.30 o'clock P.M. precisely, for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the 31st December, 1903, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 11th of APRIL, to the 21st of APRIL, 1904, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for Registration at least Forty Eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON,
Secretary.

SHANGHAI, 25th March, 1904. [894]

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Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [87]

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195	653	893	1249	1621
242	693	964	1349	1645
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THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 29, Queen's Road Central, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 31st MARCH, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
M. A. A. SOUZA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1904. [742]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the OFFICE of the General Managers, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th APRIL, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 2nd April, at 1 P.M. until WEDNESDAY, 6th April.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1904. [791]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on the 9th day of April, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the following resolutions will be proposed:

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

(a) In Article 81 the words "Five hundred dollars" shall be substituted for the words "One hundred and fifty dollars."

(b) In Article 102 the words "An Auditor" shall be substituted for the words "Two Auditors."

(c) In Article 108 the word "Auditor" shall be substituted for the word "Auditors."

Should these resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which shall be subsequently convened.

Dated the 18th March, 1904.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED,
General Agents for
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

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By Order,
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Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [855]

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CHAPTER XIII.

During the afternoon Farrington and I went
for a walk as far as Hampstead Heath. It was
a glorious winter's afternoon, and just the
very day for a tramp.

On reaching the heath we sat down on a
bench and lit our pipes. "For some time we
talked on trivial subjects, each knowing what
was in the other's mind, but neither knowing
quite how to begin. At last Giles broached the
subject by saying, "Look here, Jack, I tell you
without any more beating about the bush that,
by hook or crook, we have got to find those fel-
lows who murdered that man, and who very
nearly did the same for my sister. As you
know, I am a fairly wealthy man, as wealth goes
nowadays, but if it costs me all I've got, and
if I've to be a poor man for the rest of my days,
I'm going to hunt those brutes down. You feel
the same way about it yourself, don't you?"

"Of course I do, but I don't think the frost
will hold. Even if it did, it's a bit too far to
go."

"He stared at me in complete astonishment.
I haven't the least doubt but that he thought
I had gone off my head."

"Are you mad?" he asked.
"Hush," I said under my breath, "there's
a man in the bushes behind us, and I know who
he is. Let me what that bush is on the left."

"He pointed in the direction I had indicated.
"I'll bet you a sovereign," he said, "that
you can't tell me what that bush is over there."

"Wild rose," I answered promptly.
"Wild rose, your grandmother," he replied.
"It's a blackberry."

"All right, I'll take you for a sovereign."
"And getting up I strolled towards it. Then,
slipping round the patch of bushes behind the
seat, I knelt down, caught the eavesdropper by
one of his ankles, and pulled him out. I did it
so quickly that he had no time to save himself.
I rolled him over to have a look at his face, and
found as I had expected that he was none other
than the little Jew who had followed me to
Hampton Court. Lifting him up by the scruff
of his neck I marched him round to where Giles
was seated.

"What do you think of this for a specimen?"
I asked, giving him a shake up as I did so.
"What's the best thing to do with him, do you
think?" I continued. "Give him a thrashing
or throw him into the nearest pond?"

"Let the beast go," said Giles. "We don't
war with worms. But, juries, my man, un-
derstand this, if you dare to follow us again, I'll
man-haul you till there's nothing left of you.
Remember that! Now clear out."

He was just going when I called him back.
"You can tell Mr. Armitage what has been
said to you," I remarked. "Perhaps he will
give you another talking to like he did the
other day. Then you will have caught it on
both sides. Now go."

He stood not in the order of his going, but
went, being doubtless very thankful to have got
off so cheaply.

"What did you mean by that about Armitage?"
asked Giles, when he had gone. "What
had he got to do with that rascal?"

"Well, that's a long story," I replied, "and
if you don't mind, I'll postpone the telling of it
until I have gleaned one or two more facts. I
told you this morning that the fellow was a
thorough-paced scoundrel, and you have had just
one good proof of it this afternoon. I'll give
you more before I have done. Now, I suppose,
we had better be getting back. It will be dark
before long."

We accordingly set off on our homeward
walk, and reached our hotel about six o'clock.
Having dressed for dinner I went down to the
smoking-room, where I found Giles with an
evening paper in his hand in a state of great
excitement. "I was becoming used to surprises,
but I was in for one now and no mistake."

"I say Jack," he cried, "here's a nice kettle
of fish. Just listen to this. 'Serious accident
in the Strand.'"

"This morning, at about midday, a gentle-
man, whom it has been discovered is an Australian
millionaire named Edward Armitage, and
who is a resident at the Imperial Hotel, was
crossing the street when he was knocked down
by a passing bus, the left hand wheels of which
passed over his chest, causing injuries which it
is feared must inevitably prove fatal. An am-
bulance was procured, and the sufferer conveyed
with as little delay as possible to the Charing
Cross hospital, where he now lies."

For a moment I could scarcely believe that the
man whom we had seen that morning so full of
health and vigour should now be lying a help-
less mass in a hospital ward. Villain as he was,
such a fate seemed too terrible.

"I can assure you that evening we sat down to
dinner with but poor appetites. We had
intended going to a music hall that evening in
order to try and cheer ourselves up, but under
the circumstances, we decided not to do so, but
adjourned to the billiard room, where we played
a couple of hundred up and, having voted it a
dreadful amusement, retreated to the smoking-
room to offer a libation to the goddess nicotine."

About half-past nine a servant entered with a
note upon a salver. This he brought to me.
The writing was quite unknown to me. On
opening it I found that it was from the house
surgeon of the Charing Cross hospital, and
informed me that Armitage was sinking fast,
and that he had expressed a desire to see me. If
I were willing to comply with his request I
should lose no time in reaching the hospital,
otherwise I should be too late. I handed the
letter to Giles.

"What are you going to do?" he asked, look-
ing searchingly at me.
"Go and see him," I replied. "I couldn't
very well do anything else."

"Well, go on," he said, "and good luck go
with you. I shall sit up till you come back."

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

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Hongkong, 25th July 1903. [5]

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ARRIVALS.

Mar. 28, CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 772, H. Schluske, Haiphong via Hoibow 24th March, General—JENSEN & Co.

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Mar. 28, PAKING, British str., 2375, B. Lewis, Shanghai and Amoy 27th March, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Mar. 28, PROGRESS, German str., 637, F. Bremer, Hoibow 27th March, General—STANDAN OIL CO.

Mar. 28, WIMPOA, British str., 1,109, Laver, Shanghai 24th March, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Mar. 29, ADAMASTOR, Portuguese corvette, 1,300, Dantes Ribeiro, from Macao.

Mar. 29, CLAMARTIER, British str., 1,344, J. Stevenson, London and Singapore 23rd March, General—McGregor Bros. & Gow.

Mar. 29, JAVI, British str., 2,631, S. Barcham, Shanghai 26th March, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Mar. 29, KENNEDY, British str., 2,876, Wallace, Shanghai 24th March, General—STANDAN OIL CO.

Mar. 29, KONGSHANG, German str., 1,292, J. Spies, Bangkok 19th March and Swatow 26th, Rice and Wood—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Mar. 29, KWANGLOO, Chinese str., from Canton.

Mar. 29, KWONGKANG, British str., from Canton.

Mar. 29, PUKUSSEN, German str., 3,278, E. Prehn, Yokohama 26th March, Mails and General—MELCHERS & Co.

Mar. 29, THALES, British str., 380, Robson, Poochow 26th March, Amoy 27th and Swatow 28th, General—DOUGLAS LAIR & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE MARINE MASTER'S OFFICE.

29th March.

Anamba, Danish str., for Bangkok.

Hambo, German str., for Hoibow.

Hue, French str., for Kwangchowwan.

Signal, German str., for Swatow.

Triumph, German str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

29th March.

CHIVUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

DEVONSHIRE, German str., for Bangkok.

GLOBE, British battleship, for Mrs. Bay.

HAILAN, French str., for Hoibow.

KENTUCKY, U.S. battleship, for New York.

LONGMOON, German str., for Shanghai.

LUENDEBERG, British str., for Sourabaya.

PAKING, British str., for London.

PANAM, German str., for Bangkok.

PERLA, British str., for Kobe.

SEANET, British str., for Shanghai.

WHAMPOA, British str., for Canton.

YUENKANG, British str., for Manila.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

29th March.

ABERDEEN DOCK—H. I. G. M. S. Mewee, Ellen Richers, Lin Tai, Hanoi, Kashi, Tak Hing, H.M.S. Algerie, Teymont.

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Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1904. [638]

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FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE"

Captain H. N. Vyvyan, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [883]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTES FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANNAM"

Captain Girard, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 4th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [2]



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THE Company's Steamship

"TRIESTE"

Captain Maccioni, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 30th April, P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER, WIEHLER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1904. [3]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"SAINT IRENE"

29th April.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [1125]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, & C.	JAVA	Brit. str.	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON & C. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	BALLANTRAE	Brit. str.	C. R. Longden	P. & O. S. N. Co.	9th April, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MALACCA	Brit. str.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	12th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEMACCHUS	Brit. str.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	28th April.
MARSEILLES & C. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	JASON	Brit. str.	Flandin	MELCHERS & Co.	10th May.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL.	A. BEHIC	Frans. str.	E. Prehn	MELCHERS & Co.	5th April, at 1 P.M.
ST. NAZAIRE, HAVRE & HAMBURG	PREUSSEN	Ger. str.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day, at Noon.
HAMBURG	ABESSINIA	Ger. str.	Schulke	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	2nd April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	Dolren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	13th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANTONISIA	Ger. str.	Gronmeyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MALIBURG	Ger. str.	Stern	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	3rd May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	STRASBURG	Brit. str.	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th May.
TRIESTE & C. VIA SINGAPORE, & C.	TRIESTE	Aus. str.	Mecozzi	SANDER, WIEHLER & CO.	31st May.
COPENHAGEN & ST. PETERSBURG	ANAKIA	Dan. str.	Cortsen	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th April, P.M.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	Geo. R. Wallace	STANDARD OIL CO.	Quick despatch.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KENNEDY	Brit. str.	Geo. R. Wallace	STANDARD OIL CO.	14th April.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	SAINT IRENE	Brit. str.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 25th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, & C.	E. OF CHINA	Brit. str.	G. V. Williams	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	29th April.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA N. SAKI, & C.	LYRA	Brit. str.	G. V. Williams	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day.
PORTLAND, OREGON	HYSON	Brit. str.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	27th April.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	NICOMEDIA	Brit. str.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	4th May.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	McArthur	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	19th April.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIGO & YOKOHAMA	FORMOSA	Brit. str.	B. H. W. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	14th April.
SHANGHAI	P. HEINRICH	Ger. str.	R. Heintze	MELCHERS & Co.	8th April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TIENSIN	Brit. str.	H. N. Vyvyan	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	KASHING	Brit. str.	C. L. Daniel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	M. MOUTHS	Brit. str.	C. L. Daniel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, D'light.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	About 10th April.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FRITHJOE	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STRUVE	Jap. str.	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRITOS	Jap. str.	H. Kraft	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	7th April, 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	THALES	Brit. str.	Robson	DOUGLAS LAIR & Co.	6th April, D'light.
SWATOW & TIENSIN	ROBIN	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st April, at 4 P.M.
MANILA DIRECT	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, 4 P.M.
MANILA DIRECT	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	9th April, 10 A.M.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	CAPRI	Ital. str.	Bolsito	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 30th April.

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Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [5]

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THE Steamship

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Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 8th April, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1904. [788]

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General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI"

Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong on week days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at 2 P.M. and Sundays about 2.30 P.M.

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The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every Sunday, and takes only 3 1/2 hours to reach Macao.

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Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

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THE Commodious Steamer "PAUL BEAU"

Captain Frangon, leaves Hongkong for Canton at 9 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M., taking passengers and cargo as usual.

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1904. [420]



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Hongkong, 29th March, 1904. [116]

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR

FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW

TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW

ANPING, VIA SWATOW

TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW

AND AMOY

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1904. [15]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHIP VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP

TONS. CAPTAIN TO SAIL ON

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ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1904. [114]

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Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, Oporto, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

ABESSINIA ST. NAZAIRE, HAVRE and HAMBURG On 2nd April Freight.

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STASSBURG HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang) On 31st May Freight & Passengers.

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STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIB

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

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On Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the 1st, 2nd, and 4th April, the General Post Office will be open for one hour only, i.e. from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. All outgoing mails will be closed at 9 a.m. The Money Order office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dally and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

The *Prins Heinrich*, with the German mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 26th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 30th inst.

The *Doric*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Friday, the 25th inst., via Kobo, Nagasaki and Manila, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 4th prox.

The *Anson*, with the French mail of 4th inst., left Singapore on Monday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on Monday, the 4th April. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 30th January.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	FOR	DATE
Canton	Fatshan	Wednesday, 30th, 7.30 A.M.
Quang Chow, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Hue	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, and Colombo	Triumph	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Kobe	Java	Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Batavia	Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
	Suisang	Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.

SRAGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.) to the (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)

EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in the Bank Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)

Macao	Heungshan	Wednesday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Tientsin	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kwangtung	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwangtung	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Loangiang	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Tyden	Wednesday, 30th, 4.00 P.M.
Saigon	Fuansang	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kashing	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Namto	Tai Chun	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Banbu	Hoi Fu	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Honam	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Hankow	Thursday, 31st, 7.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Monmouthshire	Thursday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Heungshan	Thursday, 31st, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Rubi	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Swatow and Samatung	Huansang	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Moj, Kobo, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. & Tacoma	Tremont	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Thales	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Namto	Taitum	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Banbu	Hoi Fu	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Poonan	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Honam	Friday, 1st April, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Heungshan	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Kinsan	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Namto	Taitum	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Banbu	Hoi Fu	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Poonan	Saturday, 2nd April, 7.30 A.M.
Namto	Taitum	Saturday, 2nd April, 9.00 A.M.
Banbu	Hoi Fu	Saturday, 2nd April, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Saturday, 2nd April, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Heungshan	Saturday, 2nd April, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Fabhat	Sunday, 3rd April, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Taitum	Sunday, 3rd April, 9.00 A.M.
Banbu	Hoi Fu	Sunday, 3rd April, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Sunday, 3rd April, 9.00 A.M.
Namto	Taitum	Monday, 4th April, 9.00 A.M.
Banbu	Hoi Fu	Monday, 4th April, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Monday, 4th April, 9.00 A.M.

TO-MORROW.

Ordinary Annual Meeting of Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd., noon.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	29th March.
Telegraphic Transfer	1/9
Bank Bills, on demand	1/9
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/9
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/9
Credits, at 4 months sight	1/9
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	1/10
ON PARIS.	
Bank Bills, on demand	225
Credits, at 4 months sight	230
ON GERMANY.	
On demand	183
ON NEW YORK.	
Bank Bills, on demand	43
Credits, 60 days sight	44
ON BOMBAY.	
Telegraphic Transfer	133
Bank, on demand	134
ON CALCUTTA.	
Telegraphic Transfer	133
Bank, on demand	134
ON SHANGHAI.	
Bank, at sight	72
Private, 30 days sight	72
ON YOKOHAMA.	
On demand	88
ON MANILA.	
On demand	Nominal.
ON SINGAPORE.	
On demand	Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.	
On demand	108
ON HAIPHONG.	
On demand	14 p.p.m.
ON SAIGON.	
On demand	62
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.05
GOLD LEAF, 100 lms. per tapl	\$58.50
BANK SILVER, per oz.	25 1/2

OPIMUM.

Quotations are—	Allow 10 cts net to 1 catty.
Malva New	\$940 to \$980 per picul
Malva Old	\$1000 to \$1040
Malva Older	\$1000 to \$1100
Malva V. Old	\$1080 to \$1160
Persian fine quality	\$1390
Persian extra fine	\$900
Potato New	\$1300 to — per chest
Potato Old	— to —
Bananas New	\$127 1/2 to —
Bananas Old	— to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prins Heinrich* left Singapore on the 26th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 30th inst., p.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Hangang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 19th inst., and may be expected here on the 5th prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & C. steamer *Doric* left Nagasaki for Manila on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at daylight, due Manila Saturday daylight.

The P.M. steamer *Siberia* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 23rd inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on the 21st inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The steamer *Shamoo* left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 11th inst.

The C.R.P. steamer *Albatross* arrived at Yokohama at 1 p.m. on the 27th inst., and left again at 5 a.m. on the 29th inst. for Kobo, where she is due to arrive at noon on the 30th inst.

The N.G.E. steamer *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 29th inst., and may be expected here on the 4th prox.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lyra* left Victoria (B.C.) for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 3rd inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Pinguey* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

The C.M. steamer *Clovering* left Astoria on the 15th inst., and is due here on the 12th prox.

The F. & A. steamer *Indranelli* left Portland (Or.) on the 14th inst., and is due to arrive in Hongkong about 13th prox.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Mar. 1st—*Calithness, Plymco, Glenartney, 4th*

Benlawers, Opatok, Hudson, Artemisia, Eundale, Orugozald, 8th—Formosa, Jason, Jessor, Sikh, Prinz Heinrich, 11th—Achilles, Arabia, Denbighshire, Annam, Warrburg, Margus Bacquehem, Louis Trider, 15th—Glenloch, Armenia, Glenishel, Kelvin, Maria, St. Kilda, Heriot, Standard, 19th—Athenos, Kiska, Kinloch, Breichel, Voroné, 22nd—Hylon, Manila, Olenburg, Dornoch, Orange, Ness, Palermo, Thyra, 25th—Strasburg, Aragon, Palma, Solweig.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Mar. 4th—*Glenroy, Pyrrhus, Yangtze, 7th—Japan, 8th—Glenroy, Georgian Prince, 11th—Ernest Simons, Sachsen, 15th—Himera, Andria, Prinsesse Marie, 18th—Louthier Castle, Syria, Vindobona, Maria Valerie, 22nd—Yarra, Nestor, 25th—Gera, Nubia.*

PASSENGERS.

Per *Jawa*, from Yokohama, for London, Mrs. C. S. Addis three children and two infants, Mrs. Laing, Miss Laing and three children, Master J. Addis, Messrs. C. S. Addis, W. D. Laing, Joh. Aas.

Per *Whampoa*, from Shanghai, Mr. Patrick, and Miss Waters.

Per *Yuenang*, from Manila, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Good, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Yu Jooing and 2 children, Dr. Hans Hallier, Messrs. A. Repas, D. S. Williams, Lucien Dreyfus, C. W. Olson, D. E. Perkins, C. A. Wilson, Edwards Ross, and P. Collins.

Per *Thales*, from Coast Ports, Messrs. J. H. Derbyshire, D. Bu Roy, and H. Murray.

Per *Prinsessa*, for Hongkong, from Yokohama, Messrs. G. F. Fenwick, H. Murphy, and D. J. Kavanagh; from Kobo, Capt. A. F. Underp, Messrs. E. Weylands, A. Vass, C. Bjorkholm, and K. Kawachi; from Shanghai, Mrs. F. Goetz, Mrs. M. Stephenson, Mrs. B. Williams, Mrs. L. A. Muso and child, Mrs. B. Tollerand, Mrs. B. Meyer, Mrs. Vasiliki Menlin, Miss Artill and Chater, Messrs. G. Harding, C. W. Artill, M. Deneger, W. V. M. Laughton, W. D. Prina, W. E. Kent, F. S. Mitchell, B. D. Tatal, Bartz, F. Nikke, W. A. Ward, J. Thompson, A. S. Argood, and B. Maher.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 30th March to the 5th April.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Month. Time. Height. Day of Month. Time. Height.

Wed. 30. 8.39. 6.4. 2.20. 1.3.

Thurs. 31. 8.46. 6.8. 2.29. 1.3.

Fri. 1. 9.12. 6.8. 2.57. 1.4.

Sat. 2. 9.44. 6.1. 3.20. 1.6.

Sun. 3. 10.15. 6.3. 4.1. 1.5.

Mon. 4. 11.17. 6.5. 5.0. 2.7.

Tues. 5. 11.59. 6.5. 5.59. 1.5.

Wed. 6. 11.40. 6.4. 6.58. 1.8.

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Largest Sale in the World.



JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 29th March.

COMPANY PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

Bank—Hongkong & Shanghai. \$125. \$100, buyers. \$100, sellers.

Natl. Bank of China. A. Shares. 48. \$354, buyers. 48. \$354, buyers.

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INSURANCES.

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THE undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1904.

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